

GUITAR DIPLOMAS (FTCL)

EXAMPLE SONG LIST (ONLINE EDITION NOVEMBER 2025)

This is the November 2025 edition of the Guitar diplomas example song list. Check trinitycollege.com/rock-pop-diplomas to make sure you are using the latest version.

This list provides examples of songs which would be appropriate for Guitar diplomas at FTCL level. However, please bear in mind the choice of arrangement, and your individual interpretation of the song, when considering the suitability of repertoire items.

Songs can be freely chosen at all diploma levels, and there is no set repertoire. You may select some or all of your songs from this list if you wish, but this is not a requirement.

See the [Rock & Pop Diplomas syllabus](#) for full details about song selection, along with all the other information you will need to prepare for your diploma.

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No.	Song	Artist	Album	Genre/style	Audio
1.	40oz	Polyphia	EP The Most Hated (2017)	Electronica funk	link
2.	Bright Size Life	Pat Metheny	Bright Size Life (1976)	Modern jazz	link
3.	City Nights	Allan Holdsworth	Secrets (1989)	Fusion	link
4.	Dust	Ben Monder	Dust (1997)	Modern jazz	link
5.	Electric Sunrise	Plini	Handmade Cities (2016)	Prog rock	link
6.	Far Beyond the Sun	Yngwie Malmsteen	Trial by Fire: Live in Leningrad (1989)	Rock	link
7.	Fire Garden Suite	Steve Vai	Fire Garden (1996)	Rock	link
8.	For the Love of God	Steve Vai	Passion and Warfare (1990)	Rock	link
9.	Fuzz Universe	Paul Gilbert	Fuzz Universe (2010)	Rock	link
10.	Got a Match?	Chick Corea	The Chick Corea Elektric Band (1986)	Jazz	link

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11.	Guitars SUCK	Bumblefoot	9.11 (2001)	Metal	link
12.	Hot Wired	Brent Mason	Hot Wired (1997)	Country	link
13.	Jump Start	Greg Howe	Introspection (1993)	Rock	link
14.	Machine Gun	Jimi Hendrix	Band of Gypsys (1970)	Blues rock	link
15.	Monomyth	Animals as Leaders	Parrhesia (2022)	Prog metal	link
16.	Our Most Desperate Hour	Nita Strauss	Controlled Chaos (2018)	Metal	link
17.	Pale Blue Dot	Dream Theater	Distance over Time (2019)	Prog metal	link
18.	Proto-Cosmos	Allan Holdsworth	Proto-Cosmos (2022)	Fusion	link
19.	Race with Devil on Spanish Highway	Al Di Meola	Elegant Gypsy (1977)	Fusion	link
20.	Revenge of the 10 Gallon Hat	Joe Bonamassa	Had to Cry Today (2004)	Country rock	link
21.	Taranta	Lenny Breau	Guitar Sounds from Lenny Breau (1968)	Acoustic world	link
22.	The Nervous Breakdown	Brad Paisley	Who Needs Pictures (1999)	Country	link
23.	Through the Fire and Flames	DragonForce	Inhuman Rampage (2006)	Metal	link
24.	Tragedy and Harmony	Jeff Loomis	Plains of Oblivion (2012)	Metal	link
25.	Trilogy Suite Op: 5	Yngwie Malmsteen	Trilogy (1986)	Rock	link